

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
November 5, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following

Commission Members Present: Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Kara Bodle, Linda Kahle, Selena Vonderheide, Becky Beckman and Sherry Monesmith. **Commission Members Absent:** Becky Hickman, Mickey Seger and Gary Moeller. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Erin Stenftenagel and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporters Candy Neal and Sarah Fentem, WITZ News Director Jim O'Neal, DC Freep Publisher Matt Crane, and City Engineer Chad Hurm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kara Bodle moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

City Financial Statement

Pat Thyen moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- Kit congratulated Becky Beckman on winning the Jasper Chamber of Commerce's President's Community Excellence award.
- Recommendations to reallocate \$17,000 from the general supplies, communication and repair lines into the contractual services line were distributed to the board. After some discussion, **Sherry Monesmith** moved to approve the reallocation of money. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- October was a very busy month. *Golden Dragon Acrobats* were here for a public performance and two school performances. They were very well received by all who saw their performances. *Eugenia Zukerman* performed a very elegant performance on the Backstage. Scott Saalman's *Will Read for Food* was a hit as well. The *Ahn Trio* was here for a Brown Bag Lunch event and public performance on the Traditional Performers Series. *New Kid* was the second school performance during the month.
- *Clint Black* is our first event on the New Directions Performers Series. The performance is sold out.
- The *Texas Tenors Holiday Show* scheduled for December is selling very well also.
- Mike Jones requested an announcement be made that anyone not using their tickets for *Clint Black* either turn them in at the JAC or sell or give away so all seats are filled. We do have a waiting list for tickets.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Four quote packets were picked up for the drainage repair. Only one was returned. Doreen proceeded to open it. It was from Lechers' and the quote for repair was \$5555. Chad Hurm explained to the board the scope of the work to be completed. After some discussion, **Mike Jones** moved to accept the quote and proceed with getting the project completed. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

- Doreen requested to purchase stage lighting equipment for the front of house. Eight instruments still need to be replaced from Mid Stage Lighting. They list at \$294 per instrument. Doreen feels she can get them at less than \$250 each. Doreen wants to purchase four now and the other four in January if the budget allows. After some discussion, **Mike Jones** moved to allow Doreen to purchase the lighting as the budget allows. **Becky Beckman** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- Donna will be attending the Indiana Network Presenters meeting in Bloomington with Kit next week.
- Ken Waldman, the fiddling poet, will be here in November to present a workshop to 2nd graders at 5th Street School.
- Donna requested to attend the Kennedy Center Partners annual meeting in Washington D.C. February 12-15, 2014. **Robin Norris** moved to approve Donna's request to attend the annual meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- October, National Arts month, was very busy with *Eugenia Zukerman* providing a master class at JHS, the *Golden Dragon Acrobats* performing for all the county school districts, and *New Kid* performing for the Jasper Schools. Unfortunately, Donna reported she is not getting evaluations back on the school events as she had in the past.
- The *Ahn Trio* was also here in October for a Brown Bag Lunch event and public performance on the Performers Series.
- The Education Committee will be working on future Brown Bag Lunch topics and presenters.
- Donna thanked the Dubois County Community Foundation for the grant it provided for the *Golden Dragon Acrobats* school performances.

Visual Arts Report

Erin reported.

- Nancy Nichols-Pethick's work is currently on display in the Krempf Gallery. The reception will be Thursday from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wine will be provided by Blue Heron Winery and music by Ray Major.
- The community photography and poetry show in October was a great success with lots of community participation.
- Artists are currently being sought for the Artist's Studio Sale at the Train Depot during O'Tannenbaum Days on December 7th and 8th.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported.

- Birthday parties continue to do well. Supplies were purchased to provide a rock star theme in addition to the princess theme at the glamour parties.
- The Mural project is coming along. Several people have offered their buildings as sites for a mural. Corina gave a presentation to the JHS Art Club to offer them the opportunity to present designs or concepts for the mural. The mural could be contingent on City Visions plan for the Jasper downtown area.
- Visual Arts Committee and Volunteer Thank You reception will be Friday, Dec. 6 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Catering by Meyer will provide appetizers, Scout Mountain Winery will provide wine and musical entertainment will be provided by Swallowtale.
- Kit reported the fee for the liquor license was in the claims today and the earliest we expect to get the license would be February.

Old Business

New Business

- Mike reported that the JCAC meetings have been held at City Hall for almost a year. He asked for feedback about how everyone felt about the new location. A comment was made about not all board members getting into the gallery as often. After some discussion, no changes will be requested in meeting site.
- *Alejandra Klawitter* will be the musical entertainer for the Senior Series on November 19th and 20th.
- Selena Vonderheide attended the City Council meeting in October. She said City Visions provided their presentation that evening.
- Becky asked about volunteers for the October school shows. Donna reported she had 17 volunteers for the *Golden Dragon Acrobats*.
- Pat Thyen will attend the City Council meeting in November.
- Kit reported one board member will be leaving the board in December.

Adjournment

Kara Bodle moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Mike Jones

Attested